NON PERMANENT SCIENTIFIC TECHNICIAN 2, FISH SCIENCE PROGRAM

OPENS: JULY 14TH 2010.......CLOSES: JULY 26, 2010

Scientific Technician 2, in the Fish Science Program - This is a full-time, non-permanent position located in Port Angeles, WA, working on the Elwha River. This position assists biologists with construction, installation and maintenance of field equipment, including floating weirs and traps, fish trapping, data collection, data entry, and maintenance of databases. The job starts in early August and is funded for at least 14 months. Salary range is \$2,542 - \$2,789 per month.

The key activities

- Assist with construction and installation of floating weirs and fish traps.
- Use of scientific measurement equipment, hand tools, and power tools.
- Safely handle ESA-listed salmonids.
- Properly identify adult salmonids of Puget Sound.
- Follow highly detailed procedures.
- Collect and record data (fish species, size, scale samples, tags, etc.).
- Enter and verify data in spreadsheets and related databases.

This position works with endangered salmonids in an unusual setting and uses a variety of materials and scientific equipment. The job requires close attention to detail. Critical thinking is the benchmark for this position, including development of creative and practical solutions to solve the operational issues and physical challenges necessary to maintain equipment in a demanding environment.

Working Conditions

This position requires a flexible work schedule: Day, night, weekend, and holiday work, with irregular and non-standard working hours, may be required. About 75% of the work is in the field, which includes working in potentially dangerous conditions, such as high and swift water, debris flows, and slippery conditions. Equipment is transported to field sites, in riverine habitats, using manual labor. The job requires teamwork to manipulate heavy and unwieldy equipment of varying shapes and sizes, potentially weighing more than 100 pounds. Manual labor may also include site preparation, moving materials seasonally in and out of the water, and handling heavy (and uncooperative) fish.

To Be Considered

Please send resume and cover letter to kent.mayer@dfw.wa.gov

This recruitment closes Monday, July 26, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.